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PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas

Monday, September 27, 1937

In obedience of the proclamation of His Excellency, James V. Allred, Governor of Texas, convening the Forty-fifth Legislature to meet in Special Session at Austin, the seat of government, this the twenty-seventh day of September, 1937, the Members of the House of Representatives assembled in Representative Hall, and at 12:00 o'clock m., the House was called to order by the Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker.

Prayer was offered by Rev. George W. Coltrin, Chaplain.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker laid before the House, and had read, the following proclamation by the Governor:

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

Whereas, The General Fund of this State is at present operating under a deficit of approximately Fifteen Million Dollars; and

Whereas, The Forty-fifth Legislature of the Regular Session passed appropriation bills increasing expenditures over those of the past biennium; and

Whereas, Income into the General Fund does not equal outgo by at least Four and a Half Million Dollars per year; and

Whereas, It is desirable that the deficit of Fifteen Million Dollars shall be retired at least over a period of years; and

Whereas, No revenue measures were passed by the Forty-fifth Legislature to provide for either retiring the deficit or to take care of the increased appropriations; and

Whereas, I recommended to the Regular Session of the Forty-fifth

Legislature that additional moneys be placed in the Old Age Assistance Fund, and such Fund is now in debt \$1,626,000.00 on outstanding warrants and the Board of Control estimates that in addition we need to allocate approximately Two Million Dollars annually to this fund; and, in my opinion, the Old Age Assistance Fund does need additional revenues to care for the actual needy; and

Whereas, At a special election held on August 23, 1937, the people adopted amendments to the Constitution to authorize the State to aid the needy blind and provide help for the needy, neglected and dependent children of this State (not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 per year); and

Whereas, The people have heretofore adopted an amendment to authorize a Teachers Retirement Act and the Forty-fifth Legislature passed a law to make said amendment effective; and

Whereas, It is the duty of the Legislature of this State to provide revenues for the operation of the government, and, in my opinion, it is certainly the duty of the Legislature to provide revenues to take care of the appropriations they have themselves made and to carry out the people's will, manifested in the adoption of such constitutional amendments;

Now, Therefore, I, James V. Allred, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby call the Second Extraordinary Session of the Forty-fifth Legislature to be convened in the City of Austin commencing at 12:00 o'clock noon on Monday, the 27th day of September, A. D., 1937, for the following purpose:

To pass laws levying taxes to raise revenues sufficient to adequately provide for:

A. The wiping out of the deficit in the General Fund and to make income equal outgo from said Fund.

B. To provide additional funds to be allocated for old age assistance.

C. To provide for aid to the needy blind, the dependent, neglected and needy children, and to take care of the State's portion under the Teachers' Retirement Amendment and Act.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be impressed hereon at Austin, this the 11th day of September, 1937.

(Signed) JAMES V. ALLRED,
Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:

(Seal) EDWARD CLARK,
Secretary of State.

Speaker Calvert then declared the House of Representatives to be duly assembled in accordance with the Proclamation.